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STATEMENT ON THE PROTEST AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE MEETING

SAN DIEGO, CA – Today, the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PSLN) Committee meeting was interrupted by a peaceful protest of the in-police custody death of Aleah Jenkins.

Community organizers, Aleah Jenkins' mother and other concerned residents made non-agenda public comments expressing dissatisfaction with the findings of the County medical examiner's recently released toxicology report and the handling of the Aleah Jenkins' case.

"The community wants answers and exercised their first amendment rights today," said Councilmember Monica Montgomery.

"We took a brief recess to discuss the community's concerns and the best way to elevate their voices at City hall to bring about the much-needed change that must take place to ensure that all our communities are safer."

Last month, Councilmember Montgomery released the PSLN Committee's work plan, which tackles police reform and accountability. Councilmember Montgomery's office will continue to work closely with the community and monitor the ongoing efforts of the San Diego Police Department toward police accountability.

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